हैं । लेकिन हमारी आवश्यकतांए भी बढ़ती जाती हैं और नई तकनीक का विकास भी होता जाता है । यह लगातार चलने वाली प्रक्रिया है ।

Strike by employees of public sector undertakings

*68. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:†
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the one day token strike observed on 21st January, 1987 by the employees of public sector undertakings;

(b) whether any charter of demands was received by Government from the All India Convention of Public Sector undertaking Union; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by Government on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF K. K. TEWARY): (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

Some employees in various Central Public Sector Enterprises went on a one day strike on 21-1-1987 to press for action on their demands detailed below.—

1. For a halt to the policy of privatisation of the public sector.

2. Against entry of multinationals and monopolies into the sphere of activities of the public sector.

3. For stopping of import of technology and goods detrimental to the indigenous development.

4. Against introduction of modernisation, computerisation, etc. without prior approval of the trade unions.

5. No fanning out or off-loading of jobs of regular workers to private contractors.

6. Equal remuneration for equal work for all jobs done by the public sector.

7. Immediate commencement of annual wage negotiations in public sector wherever they are due in terms of previous agreements.

8. No linking of wages with productivity.

9. Enhancement of the rate of DA to ensure full neutralisation in rise in cost of living of all levels.

10. No curtailment of Trade Union and democratic rights through amendments to standing orders and legislative ban on activities. Abrogation of Article 311(2) of the Indian Constitution.

11. No closures, lay offs, retrenchment of workers and denotification of public sector enterprises.

12. For inclusion of Right to work as fundamental right in the Constitution, pending which payment of unemployment allowance.

13. End of BPE's arbitrary intervention and bureaucratisation of Public Enterprises.

14. Enforcement of genuine workers participation in management.

Government considers that the apprehenstons of the workers are unfounded and the demands lack substance.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to demand numbers 1 and 2 given in the statement and the operative part of the statement, namely, that the Government considers that the apprehensions of the workers are unfounded. Sir, there had been a discussion earlier and even today that some of the

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Prof. C. Lakshmanna.

areas which were formerly meant for the public sector have been privatised or are in the process of being privatised. In view of this, does the hon. Minister hold the view that the demands of the public sector workers are unfounded?

PROF. K. K. TEWARY: Sir, Government considers that the strike launched, resorted to by the public sector....

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I am not talking about the strike. I am talking about their demands. He has given the answer about the demands and when he gives the answer, he should be careful about it.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY: I have been very careful about the words and expressions that I have used in my reply. Sir, the demands....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are a professor ....Both are professors.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: They are more detailed.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I am a professor by right.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY: The hon. Member knows that there is a machinery for negotiation and the Government, as such, does not come into the picture when wage negotiations take place. It is the individual PSUs which come into the picture and the demands of employees are always presented.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Increase in production of HMT watches

*65. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether HMT is expected to increase the output of its watches and if so, what are the details of its expansion plans; and

(b) whether Titan Watch, a joint sector project of Karnataka Government and Tatas is also entering into a collaboration agreement for production of Casio Watches in India and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) As against a production of 45.34 lakh watches in 1985-86, HMT plans to increase its watch production as follows:—

Year	Annual estimated Production (Nos. in lakhs)
1986-87 . . .	50.00
1987-88 . . .	60.00
1988-89 . . .	61.80
1989-90 . . .	61.80

(b) Tht Departments of Electronics and Industrial Development have not received any proposal from M/s. Titan Watches Ltd., for entering into a collaboration agreement for manufacture of Casio Watches in India.

Withdrawing concession on white cement

*66. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had received any representation from cement manufacturers requesting it to recommend to the Finance Ministry for withdrawal of the concessions in customs duty of cement in view of the comfortable production and supply position in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) In terms of Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue Notification dated 28th February 1982, a con-